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Empire Exhibition.

The British Empire Exhibition.

394 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have accepted, or propose to accept, the resolution of the Legislative Council regarding the non-incurring of any further liability on account of the British Empire Exhibition;

(*b*) whether any further liability has been incurred on this account, since the above resolution was passed by the Legislative Council; and

(*c*) whether there are any further liabilities which are expected to be incurred on this account, and, if so, the nature and extent of these liabilities?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answers to clauses (*c*) and (*b*) of question No. 71.

(*c*) No further liabilities are expected to be incurred so far as can be foreseen at present.

Industries.

Christian representation in certain departments.

395 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(1) the number of Christians employed in the Departments of Industries and Fisheries on posts carrying a salary of Rs. 50 and upwards; and

(2) the number of scholarships granted to Christian students by the aforesaid departments during 1920–21, 1921–22 and 1922–23?

A.—(1) The figures will be found in due course in the returns prescribed in G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, as modified by G.O. No. 563, Public, dated 21st July 1923.

(2) The Government have no information.

Allotments made under the State Aid to Industries Act.

396 *Q.*—Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place on the Council Table a statement containing information on the following heads in connexion with the working of the State Aid to Industries Act:—

(*a*) the amount allotted and available for the purpose of giving loans under the enactment;

(*b*) the numbers and the names of the applicants for loans, the amounts applied for and the amounts sanctioned to each up to now and the grounds of rejection in case of rejection; and

(*c*) the amount that is likely to be distributed on loans before the end of the current official year?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A sum of Rs. 8 lakhs was originally allotted but owing to unavoidable delay in constituting the Board no loans have been, or are likely to be, sanctioned in the current official year.